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ON CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS

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1. SUMMARY. MISSION URGES CONTACTS IN KEY IEA CAPITALS
TO EXPLAIN US CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS BEFORE NEXT WEEK'S
IEA MEETINGS HERE. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S FEB. 3 PROPOSALS FOR CONSORTIA
ON SYNTHETIC FUELS AND ENERGY R AND D AND INTERVENTIONS
OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS AT IEA GOVERNING BOARD
LAST WEEK (REFTELS) HAVE STIMULATED CONSIDERABLE
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INTEREST AMONG IEA DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, RECENT CONVER-

SATIONS HERE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY AND MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF PROPOSALS.

3. WE ASSUME WASHINGTON WILL UNDERTAKE HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS ON GENERAL MEASURES FOR ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES WITH AT LEAST KEY IEA GOVERNMENTS. WE THINK SUCH CONTACTS AND EXPLANATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL AND URGENT, BUT WE FEEL IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE AT OFFICIAL LEVEL WITH KEY GOVERNMENTS ON CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS.

4. LANTZKE TOLD US DURING GB THAT HE FEELS BILATERAL APPROACHES ON CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS ARE IMPORTANT, AND WE UNDERSTAND DAVIGNON AGREES. WE BELIEVE MOST USEFUL TIMING FOR SUCH APPROACHES WILL BE PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING AT WHICH PROPOSALS WILL BE DISCUSSED: SLT, FEB. 19-21; AD HOC R AND D GROUP, FEB. 20; AND GB, MARCH 6-7.

5. KEY GOVERNMENTS INDICATED BY LANTZKE ARE FRG, UK AND JAPAN. IN ADDITION US MIGHT DISCUSS CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS IN DEPTH WITH DANES, WHO PUT FORWARD MOST SIGNIFICANT ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL, AND TURKS, WHO ALSO PROPOSED MECHANISM FOR STIMULATING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES. CANADIANS, DUTCH AND SWISS HAVE ALSO SHOWN PARTICULAR INTEREST.

6. WE SUGGEST SCHMIDT-KUESTER ALSO BE APPROACHED DIRECTLY SINCE, AS CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC R AND D GROUP, HE HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGEMENTS TO PUSH AHEAD IEA R AND D PROGRAM. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE SCHMIDT-KUESTER SHOULD BE TOLD (A) THAT US AGREES FULL-TIME STAFF SHOULD BE ASSEMBLED URGENTLY WITHIN IEA SECRETARIAT TO SUPPORT NINE PROJECT STUDIES NOW UNDER WAY, (B) THAT US R AND D CONSORTIUM PROPOSAL DOES NOT REPLACE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A STAFF, AND (C) THAT US WOULD SUPPORT REQUEST FOR SEVERAL ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN IEA SECRETARIAT TO SUPPORT AD HOC R AND D GROUP NOW AND CONSORTIUM OR OTHER PERMANENT MECHANISM DECIDED UPON LATER. SOME SUCH STATEMENT IS PARTICULARLY NEEDED SINCE SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY BASED

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ON NEA, WHICH SCHMIDT-KUESTER SUPPORTED, HAS BEEN PUT ON ICE AS RESULT OF ENDERS DISCUSSIONS HERE FEB. 6.

7. IN SUPPORT OF DIRECT BILATERALS, WE ARE IN PROCESS OF CONTACTING KEY DELEGATIONS HERE (BOTH ENERGY AND SCIENCE ADVISERS) TO EXPLAIN CONSORTIUM PROPOSALS TO THEM, BASED ON REFTEL STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION LEFT WITH US BY US DEL TO GB.

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